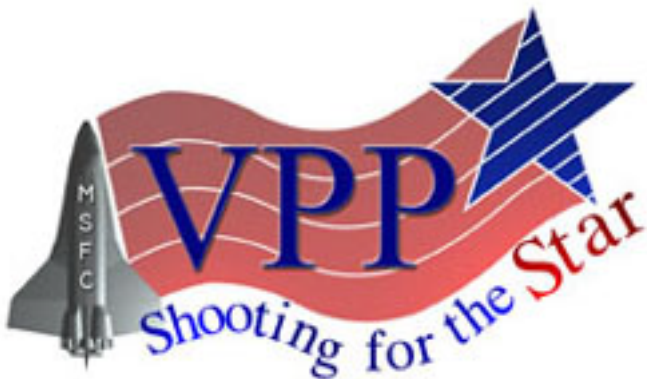


Central SHE Committee revitalizes VPP project



The Marshall Center's Central Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Committee recently endorsed resumption of the project to obtain Star Certification in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

Here are some important facts to remember:

- VPP certification is an outside-party validation of how successful our SHE Program is in protecting civil service and contract workers at Marshall.
- It is not a separate program that we are adding to our SHE Program. You don't have to learn a new set of safety rules, just follow the ones we already have in place. It is a process for obtaining OSHA endorsement of the excellence of the SHE Program developed and used by the people at Marshall.
- The Voluntary Protection Program provides public recognition for organizations that have developed and implemented a safety and health management program that functions to provide effective, equal protection of employees and contract workers.
- Eligible safety and health programs include systems and processes known to reduce the incidence and severity of workplace illnesses and injuries, and are successfully integrated into all daily operations.
- OSHA describes the VPP Star Program as "the most highly selective program, and is for applicants with occupational safety and health programs that are comprehensive and are successful in reducing workplace hazards."

Safety Bowl 2001

Here are this week's questions for the upcoming Safety Bowl. More questions are available on "Inside Marshall."

1. Giving blood can save lives and it's easy to do. What are the main requirements to give blood?
2. The American Red Cross National Fire Prevention Association suggests that families conduct a home fire drill at least how often?
 - A. Once a year
 - B. Twice a year
 - C. Three times a year
 - D. Every other year
3. If a tornado warning is issued for your area you should?
 - A. Open all windows and doors
 - B. Immediately go to a safe part of the building
 - C. Turn off the main breaker to your house
 - D. Put tape on all glass windows
4. Marshall's annual safety metrics are provided in the:
 - A. NASA Strategic Plan
 - B. Agency Performance Plan
 - C. Marshall's Implementation Plan
 - D. Marshall's Safety, Health and Environmental Program Document
5. According to OSHA, an employer must administer a continuing, effective hearing conservation program whenever employee noise exposures equal or exceed a time-weighted average of a certain decibel level. What is that db level?
6. If someone becomes exposed to a work-place chemical, how do you find out what to do?
7. Which of the following workplace illnesses or injuries results, on average, in the most days away from work?
 - A. Fractures
 - B. Amputations
 - C. Carpal tunnel syndrome
 - D. Insect bites
8. Fire exit drills are required annually for:
 - A. All facilities
 - B. All facilities in excess of 1,000 sq. ft.
 - C. All facilities with normal occupancy of 10 or more
9. On Marshall Center roads, the right-of-way should always be yielded to what?
10. Why should you wash fruit and vegetables before using?

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